GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STRENGTHENING OF POLLUTION CONTROL BOARDS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has sanctioned any projects for strengthening some of the State Pollution Control Boards;

(b) if so, the facts and details there of;

(c) whether on the basis of those sanctioned projects, the Union Government propose to supply necessary equipments and hardware to State Pollution Control Boards; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The World Bank sanctioned the Industrial Pollution Control Project (IPCP) in 1991, the Industrial Pollution Prevention Project (IPPP) in 1994 and the Environmental Management Capacity Building Technical Assistance Project (EMCB) in 1997 fo strengthening some State Pollution Control Boards.While the first two projects were intended to assist the Government of India`s efforts to prevent environmental degradation caused by industrial operations, the EMCB Project was launched with the objective of strengthening the environmental management capacity in selected areas at the national, state and community levels.

(c) & (d) A total of 1557 equipments were provided under the IPCP to the 4 project beneficiary SPCBs and under the ongoing IPPP further 4 SPCBs have been provided a total of728 equipments till date, in addition to putting in place a Geographic Information System in Gujarat State.The EMCB Project`s Zoning Atlas sub-component includes provision of equipment to 18 participating SPCBs to carry out spatial environmental planning activities and the Air Quality Monitoring sub-component also, includes provision of equipment to selected SPCBs.